and for suggesting a clear and well regulated mechanism for importation of stocks of such species.

(iii) Guidelines have been formulated under the rules framed under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005 for regulating coastal aquaculture to ensure sustainable development of shrimp aquaculture in the country.

(iv) The National Committee for Introduction of Exotic Aquatic Species in Indian waters has approved a few proposals to import hybrid *Tilapia* species for culture, as per the guidelines stipulated for this purpose.

(v) NFDB has introduced programmes for popularizing mariculture through adoption of appropriate technology as well as for enthusing the shrimp hatcheries to diversify into production of fin fish seed.

(vi) MPEDA is organizing demonstration programmes to popularize diversification of coastal aquaculture including culture of fin fish like sea bass, groupers, etc.

(d) Question does not arise.

Crop damage due to hailstorms and monsoon

38. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that gales, followed by rains and hailstorms, have caused extensive damage to farmers' crops in several States last month;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said rains and hailstorms have caused damage to life and livestocks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, with support given/being given by Government to the farmers, State-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Supply of DAP fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh

39. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of Di Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) would run into short in Andhra Pradesh during the kharif season due to shutting of two fertilizer companies in the south;

(b) if so, whether the steps taken to overcome the shortages include the import of fertilizers;

(c) whether the importing agencies will be able to tie up stocks and bring them in on time;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and